

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 14-16, 18-23, 41-47 and 51-57 are currently pending. In the July 29, 2004 Office Action, Claims 1-2, 14-16, 18-23, 47, and 51-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Bateman et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,884,032 ("Bateman '032") in view of Bannister et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,430,282 ("Bannister '282").

In addition, Claims 41-43, 45-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Gerszberg et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,226,362 ("Gerszberg '362"). Claims 3, 6, and 44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Finally, Claims 54-57 are allowed.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-43, and 45-53 without prejudice. Claims 3, 6, and 44 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 54-57.

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the remarks above, the present application is in condition for allowance and solicit action to that end.

If there are any matters that may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-0001.

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